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TOPIC Mortar Regiment in Trencin

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REMARKS

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1. Prior to 20 September 1950, Horse-drawn Mort Regt [redacted] was located in a barracks installation near the Trencin (P 49/T 58) railroad station and was subordinate to an artillery brigade in Trencin. [redacted]
[redacted] The artillery brigade headquarters was located in a five-story building opposite the commercial college and was commanded by Colonel Mastalis, (fnu). The brigade was subordinate to an artillery division which was located in Kolín (O 51/M 38) and which was commanded by Colonel Vesely, (fnu). *
2. Officers of the mortar regiment included Colonel Caslavka, (fnu), regimental commander; Captain Trgalka, (fnu), training officer; Staff Captain Zajac, (fnu), political officer; Major Donek, (fnu), commanding officer of I Bn; Major Stankovic, (fnu) commanding officer of II Bn; Major Pilar, (fnu), commanding officer of 3d Btry, a replacement unit; and Captain Novak, (fnu), commanding officer of 4th Btry.
3. The regiment was organized into two battalions. The I Bn consisted of the T-55 Hq Btry, made up of a radio platoon, a telephone platoon, a technical platoon, and the 1st and 2nd Mort Btries. The II Bn consisted of the 3rd Btry (Repl) and the 4th and 5th Mort Btries. The headquarters battery numbered about 190 men, the mortar batteries from 60 to 110 men and the replacement battery only 35 men. The regiment had a total strength of 10 to 15 officers and about 550 MM.
4. The headquarters company was equipped with rifles and four light machine guns; each mortar battery with four 120-mm mortars and four light machine guns; the replacement battery with four mortars and two light machine guns. The mortar batteries also had two telephone sections and three radio sections. All units were equipped with bazookas. **
5. The regiment had biweekly night exercises. The last maneuver in which the regiment participated was held from 15 July to 15 August 1950.
6. Reserve Officer School [redacted] had been transferred from Kozmarok (R 50/D 79) to Trencin in September 1949. School commandant in 1949 was Major Huncik, (fnu), and deputy commandant was Staff Captain Zamznik, (fnu). ***

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* [] Comment. The mortar regiment [] is the 110th Mort Bde, which was last identified in Trencin in October 1948. [] To date the regiment has been carried as a motorized unit, subordinate to the 22nd Arty Brig, which was carried in Zilina until June 1949. [] The brigade headquarters probably then moved to Trencin. The present report confirms the artillery division in Kolin, where it was identified last June 1949. [] Vesely, probably Milan Vesely, formerly commanded the 6th Arty Brig in Kosice.

** [] Comment. The regiment has a total of 20 mortars. This figure seems more plausible than the 45 mortars mentioned in a report of August 1948. []

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